Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill

560. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cable Television Operators and Government have reached an agreement on many provisions in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Cable television Networks (Regulation) Bill is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Various issues that were discussed in a meeting held in the ministry on 5-11-93 with the representaitves of cable operator associations are being examined by Government.

(c) The Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 1993.

दूरदर्शन और जी०टी०वी० पर अश्लील कार्यक्रम का दिखाया जाना

561. श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनंद पासवान : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि क्या "महिला कल्याण और बाल विकास" के नाम पर 24 नवम्बर, 1993 को दिल्ली दूरदर्शन के राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम में उसी दिन अश्लील और अर्धनग्न विदेशी नृत्य दिखाए गए थे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव) : जी, नहीं।

Quality of Telecast of Hero Cup Cricket Tournament

562. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the quality of telecast of Hero Cup Cricket Tournament has been extremely poor;

(b) if so, reasons thereof;

(c) what are the measures which Government propose to take to improve the perfomance; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider the allotment of telecast rights to Star TV during the next World Cup Cricket Tournament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SIGNH DEO): (a) and (b) The quality of the telecast of certain matches of the said tournament by Doordarshan suffered on account of the following reasons:—

(i) Entry into certain venues to the Doordarshan crew was allowed only in the early hours of the day of the match.

(ii) Denial of requisite camera positions.

(iii) Erratic microwave links which had to be established at short notice.

(c) Doordarshan is capable of ensuring international quality telecast provided it is given adequate preparation time and full cooperation by the organisers.

(d) The said tournament is not being organised by the Govenment.

Programme Production Facility at Muzaffarpur Doordarshan Kendra

563. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Muzaffarpur is equipped with the

required facilities for producing the programmes;

(b) if so, what are the programmes which have been produced there together with the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there is any proposal to make such arrangements there in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Programme Generation Facility (PGF) at Muzzafiarpur is equipped with all the latest equipment/facilities for producing quality programmes. The installation work at PGF, Muzaffarpur has been completed and the programme production at this Centre is expected to start shortly.

Coal Gasifiction Technology for Generating power

564. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coal gasification is a proven technology for generating power;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have examined its feasibility;

(c) whether Government have accepted it and have decided to adopt the technique; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The integrated Gasification Combined Cycle is an economically efficient and environmentally benign technology for power generation. However, no decision has been taken to adopt this technology for commercial power generation in the country.

Joint venture power projects of NTPC in Bihar and other States

565. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NTPC has started joint venture power projects with some international and domestic companies in various States of the Country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no such joint venture is likely to be started in Bihar;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for neglecting Bihar by NTPC; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to establish new power projects and completion of earlier projects in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NTPC has signed a 'Promoters Agreements" with Spectrum Technologies USA, Inc. New York including their associates an Jaya Food Industries. Hyderabad for equity participation by NTPC in Sepectrum Power Generation Ltd. (SPGL)—a private generating company. NTPC's equity in the joint venture would be 10 per cent of the total equity of SPGL.

NTPC has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ABB, Switzerland, for development of a power project and has responded to DESU for its gas based power project at Bawana. NTPC and ABB are one of the short listed project proponents and have jointly submitted a detailed project proposal bid to DESU.

(c) Yes, Sir. No such proposal has so far been received.